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I am writing to express my feelings about the Rubicon trail. The arguments against OHV use are quite subjective and often distort the facts to meet a certain agenda. OHV users are generally a responsible bunch who host numerous cleanups and trail maintenance runs throughout the year. They have built outhouses, an informational kiosk and have set up many trail markers to ensure proper use. Overall, OHV users are a big part of the economy in Placer, El Dorado and Tahoe. They have done more for this historic route than any of the so called environmental groups. Organized runs such as the Jeep and Jeepers Jamborees are historically important to the area. Closure is not management nor compromise.

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